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The Director of Training's mandate to give professional supervision and support to training programs conducted abroad naturally involved the delegation of many of the ensuing responsibilities to the Operations School, with its general charter to serve the Clandestine Services. In 1955, to supply the growing needs of the [redacted] as well as other major and minor overseas programs, the Operations School established its non-teaching branch, Overseas Training.

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Overseas Training represented the Director of Training in the day-to-day working relationship with the Far East Division in support of [redacted]. In addition, an important function was the furnishing of training papers for overseas training of all kinds, from the large formal programs to supplying a case officer with material to train a singleton agent. Material was collected from many sources, largely but not exclusively within OTR. A substantial amount of it was found to be suitable only for background use, and the office took on the job of preparing papers in formats appropriate for the varied uses to be made of them. The work involved ranged from minor editorial changes to existing papers, to the virtual creation of wholly new material.

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For several years the production of material was an important Branch function, and a quantity of it was developed. [redacted] likewise did a good deal of editorial work, and its efforts have enriched the files of Overseas Training. Overseas Training also endeavored to keep abreast of what was being developed by other sources, and thus developed wide contacts in the Intelligence Community as a whole as well as with other Agency components.

In 1960, the Inspector General, after a review of the Branch, recommended that "DTR redesignate his Overseas Training Staff to better reflect its expanding function as a clearing house for training doctrine" Following the DDCI's approval of this recommendation in March 1961, the subject of change of name and redefinition of functions was discussed at considerable length, culminating in late August 1961 with the renaming of the Branch as the Training Assistance Staff. It remained under the Operations School, though its functions were gradually broadened to include support [redacted] as well as other branches of the Operations School. Where capabilities existed, TAS gave support as well to other OTR components.

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Despite this broadening of functions, the past three or four years have seen a sharp reduction in activity. The closing of [redacted] was only one of several factors contributing to this reduction. The purely physical factor of

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the move from Headquarters Building, which made it inconvenient for Clandestine Services officers to visit TAS, has influenced the demand for material from this most important "customer." Replacements for personnel transferring or retiring have been virtually nil since 1963. The lack of a staff to produce the new items that in the past had been a means of keeping TAS's "public" aware of its services contributed to a consistent downward trend in the number of CS requirements levied on TAS. Conversely, the Staff to some extent worked itself out of a job through the years by having produced and given ~~wide~~ wide distribution to a number of ~~the~~ *the* "standard" ~~items~~. Below are listed some of most important items ~~in~~ which the Overseas Branch/Training Assistance Staff has produced, together with some approximate, though reasonably accurate, figures on their distribution from the date of production through September 1967. An asterisk designates those papers which are substantially the work of TAS. Other papers received primarily light-to-medium editorial treatment, having been originated by others.

	Year Brod.	Copies distrib.
*Guide to Instruction in in Basic Tradecraft	1957	1420
" " " " " French	1958	130
" " " " " Spanish	1960	210
" " " " " German	1958	45
" " " " " Russian	1958	38
" " " " " Chinese	1959	80
" " " " " Portuguese	1967	80

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(also has been translated into Italian, Japanese, Polish and Tibetan, but not published in those languages)

*Readings in Espionage Cases	1963	625
*Guide to Intelligence Info. Rptg	rev. 1965	225
" " " " Spanish	1965	30
*Clandestine Communications	1965	70
*Communications in Denied Area Operations	1964	90
Covert Action Training Guide	1964	275
*Elicitation	1963	380
*Establishment, Maintenance and Exploitation of Records for CI purposes	1960	50
" - Spanish	?	50
*Glossary of Operational Terminology	rev. 1964	900
*Selected List of Intelligence Terms	" 1965	120
(also glossaries in French & Spanish)		

	1961	500
	1964	120
	1964	70
*Instructor's Guide to Caching	1958	180
Internal Defense/Counterinsurgency	1964	300
*Nuclear Warfare & the Clandestine Agent	1960	160
Protection of the Chief of State	rev. 1963	135
*Use of Maps and Compasses	1959	220
*Staybehind Manual	1956	300
Numerous papers on Surveillance		
* " Bibliographies on various topics		

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